watershed programme under IWDP and EAS does not arise.

Late PM Shri Rajiv Gandhi's Statement on Money Spent on Rural Projects

865. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will he Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi had observed that out of one rupee spent on rural projects, only 15 paise reached the people;

(b) whether any efforts have been made during these years to find out where the remaining 85 paise goes;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, what are the findings and what action has been taken to plug the loopholes; and

(e) what have been the results of such measures and what is the current status in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Diversion of Funds Meant for Rural Development

866. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have diverted the funds meant for Rural Development to other purposes;

(b) if so, the names of such States and other details; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent such diversion of funds?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Training for Rural Youth for Self Employment (Trysem), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Indira Awass Yojana (IAY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) etc. are various Rural Development and Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation Programmes being implemented by the centre. Although system of checks and balances are inbuilt into schemes so that funds are properly utilised, Comptroller & Auditor General and Public Accounts Committee of Parliament have pointed out certain instances of diversion of funds in some states in case of JRY and EAS schemes,

As regards to JRY system of checks and balance are inbuilt into the scheme so that funds are properly utilized, JRY resources released to the village panchayats are kept in an exclusive and separate savings Bank, Post Office Account which can be operated jointly by Sarpanchg and other person nominated by the Panchayat. However, drawal from bank is required to be authorized in the meeting of the villager panchayat. The accounts in the meeting of the village panchayat. The accounts of DRDAs, Zilla Panchayats are also subject to regular audit.

The implementation of JRY is reviewed regularly by the Central and State Government through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from the State Governments Besides, the State, district, sub-division and block level officers are closely monitoring all aspects of the programme through visits. State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) for Rural Development also monitor the progress